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Peterson, your light is on, do you want some more time right now? Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: I would just have a couple of questions for Senator Peterson, if he would yield.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Peterson, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HORGAN: Senator Peterson, as the bill is amended now by the committee amendments, it requires the front seat passenger of the vehicle to have a safety belt. Do you support that amendment? Do you believe that is a good idea or do you think...

SENATOR PETERSON: Just on the seat belts in front?

SENATOR HORGAN: Right.

SENATOR PETERSON: Well, if we are going to adopt that, I do not support, of course, the seat belt bill as it is, as you well know. If we are going to have that and this bill passes, which I think it will, I think we should protect our children as well and that is why I am offering this amendment.

SENATOR HORGAN: The question is, do you support the committee amendment which says only front seat passengers ought to wear safety belts?

SENATOR PETERSON: No, I think that it ought to go to back seat as well. We got problems in respect to the front seat, what about those in the back? I don't think it went far enough.

SENATOR HORGAN: So you would prefer a stricter bill?

SENATOR PETERSON: If you are going to pass one.

SENATOR HORGAN: And why would that be, why would you prefer a stricter bill?

SENATOR PETERSON: Well, why protect just the front seat. What is the matter with protecting those in the back?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, that is a good argument. Senator, do you have any idea how many children have died in bus accidents in the State of Nebraska?